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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A method for generating a parts catalog of a product from three dimensional data and a parts list of the product, wherein the parts catalog comprises the parts list listing at least a name of a part and a reference numerals/symbol of the part, and a disassembled illustration of the product wherein the part in the part list is illustrated in a disassembled state with its reference numeral/symbol; said three dimensional data comprising assembly structure information of the product; and the parts list being a list of parts or partially assembled parts of the product and wherein a user creates said parts list [[and]];

the method comprising the steps of

- (a) assigning reference numeral/symbols to said parts and partially assembled parts in the parts list;
- (b) building a disassembly algorithm based on said parts list; and
- (c) generating disassembly illustrations <u>from said three dimensional data</u> based on said disassembly algorithm, wherein maximal disassembled states in the disassembly illustrations are the parts and partially assembled parts assigned with said reference numeral/symbols, and displaying said reference numeral/symbol for each of the parts and partially assembled parts in the disassembly illustrations.

2. (cancelled)

3. *(previously presented)* The method of Claim 1, wherein the parts list includes disassembly definition information comprising a tree structure consisting of a node and leave said node being a process and said leave being a part or a partially assembled part, wherein said node comprises a basic process and optionally an intermediate process

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performed in said basic process, and wherein a partially assembled part consists of parts

to be disassembled or assembled in the intermediate process.

4. (previously presented) The method of Claim 3, wherein said step (b) generates the

disassembly algorithm by adding to the parts list, movement coordinate systems of said

basic process and said intermediate processes, and movement positions of the parts or

the partially assembled parts-within said movement coordinate systems, based on the

disassembly definition information of said parts list.

5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) The method of Claim 4, wherein in said step (b), for the purpose

of generating the disassembly algorithm a shape of each of the parts is approximated

with a circumscribing polygon thereof, and said movement position is set such that

each polygon is at a minimum distance from each other which is greater than a

predetermined ratio.

7. (original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of (d) modifying the

disassembly algorithm and illustrations after generating the disassembly illustrations.

8. (previously presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein said step (d) modifies each of

the disassembly illustrations by modifying a position, a bearing or a scale of each of the

parts or partially assembled parts.

9. (previously presented) The method of Claim 8, wherein said step (d) generates and

presents a user interface for modifying the position, bearing or scale for each of the

parts or partially assembled parts.

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10. (original) The method of Claim 8, wherein said step (d) permits modification of a camera

view point information to modify the disassembly illustration.

11. (previously presented) The method of Claim 8, wherein said step (d) modifies the

disassembly illustration by determining an interference among the parts or partially

assembled parts during a movement thereof, and by modifying the position, bearing or

scale for each of the parts in the processes.

12. (previously presented) The method of Claim 11, wherein said interference among the

parts or partially assembled parts during the movement thereof is determined by

calculating an interference among respective polygons, each of which circumscribes

around each of the parts or partially assembled parts.

13. *(previously presented)* The method of Claim 1, wherein

said step (c) comprises the step of drawing a lead line from each of parts and

partially assembled parts within the disassembly illustration in order to display said

reference numeral/symbol, wherein

said step of drawing a lead line projects a movement vector from a

pre-disassembly position to a post-disassembly position for said parts and partially

assembled parts, onto a plane perpendicular to a view point vector from a view point,

and draws said lead line for said reference numeral/symbol from a post-movement

object along an axis direction of a shorter component of analyzed vector components

constituting such a projected vector.

14. (currently amended) A computer software program for generating a parts catalog of a

product from three dimensional data and a parts list of the product, in a computer

system: the parts catalog comprising the parts list listing at least a name of a part and

a reference numerals/symbol of the part, and a disassembled illustration of the

product wherein the part in the part list is illustrated in a disassembled state with

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<u>its reference numerals/symbol</u>; said three dimensional data including assembly structure information of the product; and the parts list being a list of parts or partially assembled parts [[consisting]] of the product and wherein a user defines said parts list [[and]]; comprising:

a storage medium;

an instruction means stored in said storage medium for instructing said computer system to assign a reference numeral/symbol based on the parts list, to each of partially assembled parts belonging to an basic process of disassembly, and to each of partially assembled parts belonging to an intermediate process of disassembly, respectively;

an instruction means stored in said storage medium for instructing said computer system to build a disassembly algorithm based on the parts list; and

an instruction means stored in said storage medium for instructing said computer system to generate disassembly illustrations <u>from said three dimensional</u> <u>data</u> based on said disassembly algorithm, wherein maximal disassembled states in the disassembly illustrations are the parts and partially assembled parts assigned with said reference numeral/symbols, and to display said reference numeral/symbol for each of the parts and partially assembled parts in the disassembly illustrations.

15. (cancelled)